

STATEMENT OF WORK

TITLE, SERIES, GRADE

Special Assistant to the Chief of Staff, AD-0301-00

ORGANIZATION

**Environmental Protection Agency
Office of the Administrator
Immediate Office**

TITLE AND GRADE OF SUPERVISOR

Chief of Staff, ES-301-

STATEMENT OF RESPONSIBILITIES

The duties of this position include responsibility for providing confidential personal and managerial assistance to the Chief of Staff. This involves the performance of a wide variety of duties, consisting of channeling information and screening matters that are to be taken up directly with the Chief of Staff in order to conserve their time and relieve them of the details of office management. Tact, discretion, a broad knowledge of Agency activities, as well as experience and resourcefulness are essential in meeting a variety of complex and difficult inter-personal relationships.

Serves as personal representative of the Chief of Staff in telephone and personal contacts with high ranking officials of the Agency, Members of Congress and White House representatives; scientific and research groups and associations; foreign governments and others. Ascertains the reasons for the visit or telephone call and decides whether the matter to be discussed is of sufficient importance to warrant the personal attention of the Chief of Staff. In cases which require the supervisor's attention, schedules appointments, determines which take precedence, decides when an appointment may be interrupted, canceled, rescheduled, etc., as necessary without prior approval.

When the matter does not require the supervisor's personal attention but deals with highly technical or detailed information, refers caller to the proper official. On matters which are covered by established policies, explains procedures based on own knowledge of supervisor's thinking.

Reviews incoming mail requiring the personal attention of the Chief of Staff, personally replying to all correspondence in cases governed by established policy or where the replies can be made after research and/or discussion with appropriate officials. Prepares replies to invitations to the Chief of Staff by virtue of supervisor's position. Reads a large quantity of material, summarizes pertinent information, pointing out particularly those points which conflict with supervisor's expressed views.

Monitors telephone calls, attends meetings, or is briefed on meetings immediately after they take place in order to know what commitments were made and what developments occurred in matters of concern to the supervisor and other Agency officials. On own initiative, as necessary, informs staff and office heads of developments in such conversations and meetings and arranges with them for the implementation of commitments made by the Chief of Staff.

Reviews replies and other correspondence and action documents before releasing them to the Chief of Staff. Checks for conformity to sound public relations principles, and reasonableness from the recipient's standpoint, clarity, responsiveness, and compatibility with the Chief of Staff's personal viewpoints and general policy and precedents.

Maintains calendar of appointments and conferences, and keeps informed of the Chief of Staff's schedule of activities and commitments to remind them in advance of commitments made. Assembles background information and data, as required, for the Chief of Staff's use in meetings and conferences.

Moderate Risk

No Security Clearance